

Legislative Link Update

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Today is the 19th day of session and there have been over 1,000 bills, memorials, and resolutions introduced. The number of new bills being introduced will now slow down substantially as Monday, February 1st marks the bill introduction limit in the Senate and the deadline in the House is the following Monday, February 8th.

Another key deadline is Friday, February 19th which is the last day for bills to be heard in their chamber of origin. This means that both committee and floor agendas will be very full for the next 3 weeks as legislators try to push as many bills through as possible before that deadline. You'll see that there are several bills on our tracking list which are scheduled for committee hearings this upcoming week.

There are a total of 3 bills on our tracking list that have already cleared their chamber of origin: HB 2001 which relates to the penalty for the unlawful distribution of private images passed the House 58-0, HB 2014 which requires state agencies to provide a method for the electronic submission of required reports passed the House 39-18, and HB 2374 which expands the definition of child prostitution passed the House 57-0.

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) released its FY 2017 Baseline budget which forecasts formula increases for caseload growth and inflation costs but does not propose new programs or initiatives. A summary can be found here <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/17baseline/fy17summary.pdf> and a presentation on the Baseline can be found here <http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/17baseline/17BaselineSlideshowSummary.pdf>. Overall, JLBC is forecasting state General Fund spending of \$9.371 B in FY 17 which is an increase of \$181 M above FY 16. The largest components of that increase are K-12 education (\$84 M), the state's Medicaid program AHCCCS (\$79 M), the Department of Economic Security (\$4 M), and the Department of Corrections (\$23 M). No information has been released publicly about the tax cut/reform proposal being crafted by the Governor and legislative leaders.

This year, our bill tracking list will be available through an online report that can be accessed at the following website. The password is "Glendale". Utilizing a dynamic, online report will allow our Legislative Link participants to receive the most up to date information on bill status and committee hearing schedules at any time, rather than only receiving information that was current as of the time that the previous PDF tracking reports were sent out.
<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25504&listid=55835&print=true>

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